(b) whether there is any indication that these have benefited the weaker sections specially the landless, small and marginal farmers and if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there have been similar subsidies for supply of seed of High Yielding Varieties and if so, details thereof;

(d) whether these subsidies are proposed to be given to support Organic Farming or sustainable agriculture in the country alongwith strong R and D support and Demonstration Farms etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Subsidy both direct and indirect, to farmers, for various inputs, is given through Central and State scheme, and through the price of these inputs. No comprehensive records are maintained obout the quantum of such subsidies.

(b) No detailed studies of the exact benefit of the direct and indirect subsidies on landless, small and marginal farmers is available.

(c) The details of the subsidy on seeds under some Central programmes is at Statement. (*See* below)

(d) There is no Central Subsidy scheme for Organic Farming or sustanable agriculture.

Statement

Subsidies for supply of seed of High Yielding Varieties

Item	Pattern of Assistance
Wheat	Rs. 200/- per quintal
Rice	Rs. 200/- per quintal
Maize & Millets	Rs. 400/- per quintal
Cotton	Rs. 400/- per quintal for acid delinted and Rs. 300/- per quintal for mechanically delinted seeds.

Refund of central excise duty on diesel

4083. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a scheme to refund Central Excise on diesel to the fishermen was sanctioned by Government in 1990-91;

(b) if so, the amount of refund actually paid upto December, 1991 to fishermen in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra;

(c) the share of the Union and the State Governments respectively in the above refund;

(d) whether Government have received any request from these State Governments to continue the scheme after June, 1991; and

(e) if so, the decision taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Sponsored Scheme on Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD oil used by Fishing Vessels, below 20m length was sanctioned and implemented through Maritime State/UT Governments including Government of Maharashtra during 1990-91 (from 1-10-90 onwards). Inland

States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are not covered under the scheme. Government of Maharashtra has actually paid Rs. 50.83 lakh to fishermen during 1990-91 (from 1-10-90 to 31-3-1991) under the scheme. The amount due from 1-4-91 to 31-12-91 is yet to be paid. The Central Government's share of Rs. 200 lakh released on 25-2-92 covers funds for this period also.

(c) The scheme was implemented during 1990-91 (from 1-10-90 onwards) with 100 percent Central share. During 1991-92 the cost is shared by Centre and State on 80:20 basis.

(d) Yes, Sir. A request to continue the scheme after June, 1991 was received from the Government of Maharashtra.

(e) The scheme has since been extended upto 31st March, 1992.

Supply of milk etc. by Mother Dairy and DMS

4084. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both Mother Dairy and DMS have been distributing some 12 lakh litres of milk daily to about 10 lakh consumers in Delhi;

(b) whether Mother Dairy has also been handling distribution of scores of different fruit and vegetables through 100 Depots, including butter oil and butter through 400 milk outlets for years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the job of distributing Dhara Oil has been given to GCMMF in order to earn profits running into several crores each year without any tender or distribution through milk and other cooperatives through the cuntry; and

(d) whether an inquiry in the matter is proposed to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The DMS and Mother Dairy together supply about 11.00 lakh litres of milk per day in Delhi.

(b) From time to time Mother Dairy through its bulk vending booths had been selling products of various cooperatives such as butter, ghee, skim milk powder, paneer, groundnut oil etc. The Mother Dairy has also sold butter oil whenever such butter oil had been alloted to it. The Mother Dairy does not handle sale of fruits and vegetables which is marketed by a separate fruit and vegetable project of NDDB.

(c) NDDB has nominated GCMMF as the sole selling agent for Dhara oil as a part of market intervention operation in which Dhara oil marketing is an important activity. The GCMMF is the only state level cooperative which has a wide net work of distribution in the country and is paid a commission 1.5 per cent only. Any profit made by GCMMF is also utilised for the benefit of the farmers.

(d) No, Sir.

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4085. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :**

डा० बापू कालदाते :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कृषि लागत और मूल्य आयोग ने सरकार को कुछ सुझाव दिये है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इन सुझावों को लागू करने का विचार रखती है ;